

Minutes
Nevada Garlic and Onion Grower's Advisory Board Meeting
25 February 2008

Lyon County Library
20 Nevin Way
Yerington, NV 89447

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order 2:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Board Members Present: J. Snyder, R. Ehn (by telephone), B. Chounet serving as proxy for D. Peri

Members of the Public: David Little, Bill Tate, Henry Sun

NDOA staff: Steve Marty, Shouhua Wang

3. Introductions

4. Approval of Agenda

A motion to approve the agenda for the February 25, 2008 GOAB meeting as offered was made by Bill Chounet and seconded by Robert Ehn. The motion was approved by a vote of 3-0.

6. Public Participation

David Little of Nevada Onion noted that the Nevada Department of Agriculture was in the process of imposing penalties on Nevada Onion for an alleged misuse of the fungicide Champ. Mr. Little stated that the labeling on the Champ product warned against using the product through chemigation systems made of aluminum. However, discussion among the group suggested that the Champ labeling should be changed to allow use in aluminum systems since the only risk posed by such use is corrosion of the aluminum material. David Little stated that New Farm, the manufacturer of the Champ product, were agreeable to making the necessary label changes. Mr. Little suggested that the NVGOAB request the label changes as a group rather than as individuals for maximum efficacy. Bill Chounet noted that a similar product, Kocide, is produced by DuPont, and suggested that the group call for re-labeling of all Copper Hydroxide based fungicides rather than one particular product. The NVGOAB agreed to have a phone-conference meeting on March 3, 2008 at 1:30 p.m. in order to take official action on this matter.

David Little also made a comment regarding assessment monies collected, and stated that the assessment monies should be kept in an interest bearing account. Steve Marty stated that he was unsure if NDOA could use such an account, but said that he would research that possibility. Robert Ehn asked if Hanu Pappu of Washington State University had been contacted regarding a past research funding approval which may not have been paid. Steve Marty stated that he had been in contact with Mr. Pappu, and that Mr. Pappu had stated that there were no delinquent funds.

7. Old Business

A) Discuss State Board of Agriculture action on expenditure of GOAB funds for New Zealand Crop and Food Institute biotech research. **(Non-Action)**

Steve Marty stated that the State Board of Agriculture had approved the \$10,000 expenditure to New Zealand Crop and Food Institute, and that the payment was pending.

8. New Business

A) Discuss and determine past and future funding of Western Regional Iris Yellow Spot Virus/thrips program with Hanu Pappu to sample thrips from NV fields for IYSV. **(Action)** Steve Marty distributed a copy of the Iris Yellow Spot Virus (IYSV) research proposal submitted by Hanu Pappu of Washington State University to the members in attendance who had not yet received a copy. Steve also stated that the proposal was to include Nevada in a study of IYSV epidemiology and distribution. Bill Chounet stated that there were some reliability problems with a similar group in the past, and suggested that perhaps Jeff Knight of the Nevada Department of Agriculture could do the sampling for the project in Nevada. Robert Ehn suggested that if this was the limiting concern that the group could approve funding contingent on sampling being conducted by a preferred group. Steve Marty noted that Jeff Knight may not be able to take on the sampling duties. A motion to approve funding of \$5,000 for the IYSV proposal contingent upon sampling being conducted by representatives from Nevada was put forth by Bill Chounet, and seconded by Robert Ehn. The motion passed by a vote of 3-0.

B) Presentation and discussion of research proposal from Henry Sun of the Desert Research Institute concerning the use of compost-tea against white rot. **(Action)** Dr. Henry Sun of DRI Las Vegas presented his proposal to the group. A copy of the proposal and presentation is available from NDOA upon request. The group commented that the research had merit, but were concerned that there was insufficient information on budget, timeline, and other participants. A motion to take no action pending additional budget information and participant information was made by Bill Chounet, and seconded by Robert Ehn. The motion passed by a vote of 3-0.

9. Schedule Next Meeting

The next NVGOAB meeting was scheduled for May 12, 2008 at 1:30 p.m. in the Lyon County Library. A special meeting to consider label revisions for Copper Hydroxide fungicides was scheduled for March 3, 2008 at 1:30 p.m. in the Lyon County Library.

10. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.